

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT
APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket: J-BSIM.1007

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, Mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Angle-section Column/Beam Connector

the specification of which
(check one)

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_____ was filed on _____ as _____ Application Serial No. _____ or Express
Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known _____; and was amended
on _____.
_____ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on
_____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent. **In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement IAW 37 C.F.R. § 1.98**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

 X no such applications have been filed
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Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

60/424,080 November 5, 2002

(Application Serial No.) (Filing Date)

Angle-section Column/Beam Connectors

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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